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We have a great respect for the homely aphorism, "least said, soonest mended." But there are cases in which amendment can only be brought about by saying a great deal, saying it loudly or emphatically, and saying it often. Of such we consider are the relations of the Hongkong Observatory with its neighbours. That it has been and is an unpleasant duty, and one that has been somewhat misunderstood, is a regrettable circumstance, but it cannot be a deterrent. We published on July 24th a despatch from the Astronomer-Royal at Greenwich, commenting on the evidence of the Typhoon Enquiry as submitted to him. That despatch and its conclusions, so far as the major points raised by the Daily Press are concerned, seemed to us quite beside the mark, almost irrelevant. Anticipating expert comment from Manila or Shanghai, we decided to postpone any reference to it. We have now before us a copy of the North China Daily News for August 1st, containing a letter from the Director of the Siauwei Observatory. The asseverations of the Hongkong officials at the enquiry, that their relations with their confreres at Manila and Shanghai were "most cordial," seemed to us to be decidedly disingenuous, and we still think so. That there should be some disingenuity in the opening terms of Mr. Pecc's letter indicates that the cordiality is about equal on both sides. Our contention has all along been that the most cordial relations are essential to the public interest. We have never suggested that any persons

should be held responsible or blameworthy for the sad results of the September typhoon; but we do suggest that the Government should take any and all steps possible to secure wholehearted co-operation between all the weather observatories in the Far East. No one believes that such co-operation exists. Part of the letter about to be quoted confirms our opinion that Hongkong has been pursuing a dangerous policy of independence, which opinion, as we pointed out at the time, was proved correct by the evidence at the enquiry. If we are wrong in believing such wholehearted co-operation to be desirable, we are wrong in all points, and have no more to say. The letter is dated July 29th, and begins:—

Sir,—I have read in your number of to-day the opinion of the Director of the Astronomical Observatory at Greenwich (London) on the Hongkong typhoon of September 18, 1906. I am glad to see that the Observatory of the British Colony is there discharged from blame. There is no profit in casting doubt on the value of institutions giving warnings to sailors; everyone can make a mistake, every man may be taken by surprise, but we want the confidence of the public in order to give them assistance. I feel therefore greatly satisfied at the conclusion of the Astronomer-Royal, as it will stop further inquiries on the question. You may have noticed, Mr. Editor, that from the beginning we have strictly limited ourselves to the scientific description of that storm; we shall not depart from that behaviour, but there are three points in the first paragraph of Sir W. H. M. Christie's letter, in which Siauwei is concerned, and it seems impossible to let them pass without a short explanation.

We have commented on the transparent disingenuity—almost amounting to irony—of the passage which ends by expressing satisfaction at the prospect of further inquiries being stopped. It strikes us as a bit of gentlemanly humbug. We hope that Sir FREDERICK LOGARD will inquire about the alleged cordiality, and do something to make it more real. Whether the typhoon notified by Shanghai was identical with the one that hit Hongkong is a question for experts to argue over. We do not presume to have an opinion. The letter goes on:—

1st.—The Astronomer Royal writes: "The typhoon of which warning was given by the Director of Siauwei Observatory on September 15, 1906, was apparently not the one which struck Hongkong on the 18th." Although the assertion is not absolute, I believe I must state once more that these typhoons are one and the same storm. A splitting of the cyclone in two may have taken place near the South end of Formosa, as we all know it often happens; but the narrow whirl of the 18th existed certainly in the perturbation signalled on the 15th S.E. of the great island and of the Group Malao. This fact, already stated in the excellent pamphlet of the Director of the Philippine Weather Bureau, will receive shewers due consideration. For the present, let it enough to recall in mind the following facts:

A signal announces a typhoon on the 15th at 11.30 a.m. and again at 5 p.m., on the Pacific, some where to the S.E. of Ishigakijima. A centre, in every case reported as violent, narrow, with identical characteristics, passes on the same day at 2.30 p.m. at a short distance north of the island Siao Domingo de Basco (Long. 121 deg. 50', Lat. 20 deg. 28'). On the same day at 5 p.m., at a longer distance, north of Japan (Long. 121 deg. 34', Lat. 18 deg. 22'), on the 16th, about 1 a.m. it joins the U.S.N. transport Caesar 82 miles W. of the Bata Islands (Long. 120 deg. 28', Lat. 20 deg. 30'), the same day at 4 p.m. it is found at a distance estimated 240 miles N.N.E. of the S. Zafiro via, approximately by Long. 115 deg. 12', Lat. 22 deg.; during the night of the 17th the French mail steamer Oceania meets with the storm, which passes at a distance in the South (South of Breaker St.), viz., about Long. 118 deg. 30', Lat. 22 deg. 10', between Oahu and Iau of the 18th, on the 18th, 4.45 a.m., the British steamer Kewishaw, R.S.E. of Pedro Blanco (Long. 115 deg. 30', Lat. 22 deg. 10'), reports having experienced a *furi se typhoon*, as did the Oceania, as did the Caesar. At Hongkong the minimum took place at 1.0 p.m. of the very same day.

Now let us mark on a chart the different positions of this very violent storm during these three days; every man having any experience of things in the Far East will be driven to the following alternative: either the Hongkong typhoon was the one signalled by Siauwei on the 15th, which passed, and was well observed successively over seven stations with a speed quite normal at this latitude, or to seven successive violent typhoons within three days, on the same line and track; for the reasons to be discussed the Hongkong typhoon from the centre signalled on the 15th would apply to the Kewishaw typhoon, at the door of the Colony, to the Oceania typhoon, the Zafiro typhoon, the Caesar typhoon, etc., which conclusion it was hard to admit.

2nd.—"Had it (the typhoon) proved identical, the Siauwei forecast gave no indication that Hongkong was threatened."

It seems quite clear that the astronomer has not received information of all the warnings issued from here, from these, and these only, deductions can be arrived at and not from opinions expressed in the papers. On September 15, 11.30 a.m. a first signal was sent to the effect that "a typhoon was S.E. of the Siauwa Sima group, direction unknown;" this did not threaten any particular spot. But at 5.30 p.m. new information was enabled to let the somnolent that the typhoon previously reported was "travelling W.N.W."

Our readers may digest the preceding argument for themselves. As we have said, it is not for us to dwell on such a point. The next section of the letter, however, brings us back to the extraordinary misunderstandings that have been possible in connection with the incident, even the Astronomer-Royal having been grotesquely misled. There is a plain implication that the Hongkong Observatory deliberately ignored a specific warning. This was, of course, never suggested locally. What we say is that their policy is to refuse all warnings from other observatories, and it was so said in evidence at the enquiry, evidence that cannot be overlooked, as it was the evidence of the officials themselves. They did not want deduction, but figures only; the wires were already overburdened, and so on. Mr. Pecc's letter concludes:—

3rd.—"The contention that the warning was given and ignored falls to the ground." We believe that some people could misunderstand these concluding words and think that in fact this peculiar warning had been sent to Hongkong and actually refused or ignored there. Probably the situation is not plainly known in London. We are glad to tally to the implicit accusation that could result thence that warning to Hongkong. The Telegraph Company, already overburdened with meteorological telegrams, which they kindly transmit free of charge, and we do not venture to put upon their cables useless messages. It is well known that Hongkong refuses to receive any warning, and that they even obtained from the American Government an official prohibition to the Director of the Philippine Weather Bureau of sending any typhoon warnings to the coast of China (an order soon cancelled owing to the universal protest of public opinion). We totally refrain from discussing that question now; we have only to say that on that date of the 18th (or 15th) no warning was ignored, because none was sent; and none was sent because we knew that it would not have been received.

Excuse me for having trespassed so much upon your valuable columns. I thought the explanation was necessary for the navigators, the weather of whom is one of the chief aims of this institution, of which I have care. I am, etc., (signed) L. Pecc, s.j., Director, Siauwei Observatory.

It was stated at the enquiry, by the Hongkong Observatory officials, that relations with all professional neighbours were most cordial. The only further inquiry we would care to see would be a plain question put to the Observatory directors of Manila and Shanghai, "Can your relations with the Hongkong Observatory be truthfully described as most cordial?"

The two answers to that question might then show us just where we are in the matter. At present, the feeling is that we are still in danger, notwithstanding the findings of the local commission and of the Greenwich astronomer.

The plague total at date is 209 cases; there were two yesterday.

It is interesting to note that at present there is not a single barrier in the colony, all of them being absent on holiday.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at the American Consulate at 12 noon yesterday:—"Typhoon crossed Luzon last night in form of shallow depression at present close Western coast Luzon."

Presbyterians, American Presbyterians at any rate, must suffer from brainstorms. At a debating society attached to the Presbyterian church at Manila it was moved that the wearing of pyjamas is detrimental to moral character. The motion was lost by a casting vote.

At a Chinese teacher was proceeding in a rickshaw along the tram line near the Praya East Hotel on Tuesday night, car No. 9 overtook the vehicle, and crashed into it. The teacher was thrown out on to the road, and received such damages on his head and legs that it was found necessary to remove him to hospital.

On July 28th at a Chinese Theatre in Singapore there was an interesting boxing contest between Chin Hoon Seek a well-known Chinese expert, and a European named Fischer. The latter had challenged the Chinaman to box him ten rounds. The fight was very spirited while it lasted, which was only three rounds, for the Celestial scored a victory in the third round.

At the Police Court yesterday Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz heard further evidence in support of the charge of armed robbery preferred against Lam Tse hing, who with another, is alleged to have "held up" two residents of Lai Pak Shan village, about four miles from the Tai Po Police Station. When the last witness had been heard his Worship committed defendant for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Early yesterday morning a Chinese barber residing at Jardine's Bazaar, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. Four or five times he drew the instrument across his throat, each time making a gash, but none of the cuts were deep enough to effect his object. When discovered by an inmate of the house he was sitting down, evidently supposing that his life's blood was ebbing away. The police were summoned, and the man removed to hospital.

Writing of the accounts given of their German experiences by the editors who were recently in Berlin, an Englishman, long resident in Germany, and knowing its life intimately, says: "The fact that almost every item the English visitors dwell upon they admit came upon them as a surprise certainly points to great ignorance on their part regarding the vital features of so important a country as Germany. In my humble opinion this shows that the English newspaper correspondents residing abroad do not fulfil the duties that they are supposed to perform—which should be to enlighten the English public as regards the conditions prevailing in the country they reside in, in preference to their usual task of conveying political tit-battle. It seems to me that the English editors who went to Germany communicated more valuable information to the English public than the correspondents of the whole of the London Press have done during the last ten years."

In the current number of *Nature* a serious attack is made upon our unscientific administration, particularly in India, by Professor Ronald Ross, the distinguished enemy of malarial. Professor Ross has on several recent occasions criticised the lack of science displayed by the Indian authorities in their crusade against the plague, says the *Manchester Guardian*, which is still killing the natives of India at the rate of 75,000 a week, and which accounts for some part of the discontent with English rule of which we now hear. He returns to the charge at the request of the editor of *Nature*—who has long been urging the fuller use of scientific resources by British administrators—with a general indictment of the sloppiness which hampers the work of the Indian Medical Service to this day, as it did when he entered that service twenty-six years ago. He gives many instances of what he calls the brainless character of much of the administration.

Referring to the administration of Viceroy Shum in the Liang Kwang, Mr. Foo Chow Choon at a banquet at Ipoh to celebrate his return from China, maintained that he had done more in a short time for the lasting welfare of those great provinces than the whole of his predecessors had accomplished in decades—an assertion which was greeted with loud and long continued applause. Continuing, the speaker pointed to the reorganisation of the Police Department, the establishment of schools which had been badly needed for years, and the free education given to tens of thousands of youths, including the off spring of Straits Chinese. The Viceroy had striven unceasingly for the enlightenment, and the uplifting of the masses, and he felt he was only doing His Excellency bare justice in expressing the deep-rooted conviction that it would indeed be well for China if there were more Viceroys of Shum's calibre, for were that so, China would assuredly become a strong Power so speedily that the whole world would be taken by surprise.

All the documents connected with the trial of the four Generals for the surrender of Port Arthur are now prepared. The Public Prosecutor's indictment comprises more than one hundred printed pages, and it is directed against General Stosel, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Territory; General Benas, Chief of his Staff; General Smirnov, Commandant of Port Arthur; and General Fook. Three of these names bespeak their non-Russian origin. Besides the surrender of the fortress, excesses of power, general sloppiness, and incapacity are alleged against the four Generals. General Stosel will be judged under Article 251, which entails capital punishment; the other three Generals, if found guilty, will be deprived of all their rights and will be liable to imprisonment. The trial will be held early in October before ten judges; it will last two or three weeks. One hundred and fifty witnesses have been subpoenaed, and some of them are coming from Manchuria and Vladivostok. The public will be admitted to the trial only in limited numbers.

The *Singapore Free Press* says:—"It is reported by the *Asahi* that Sir Claude Macdonald, who has returned to his post in Tokyo from home, will shortly be received by the Emperor and that His Majesty will decorate him with the Grand Cordon of the Chrysanthemum. We are very glad to hear that, especially when we remember that when Sir Claude was only Minister to China and passed through Singapore on his way to the siege of the Legations at Peking in 1900, the Editor of the *Singapore Free Press* endeavoured to impress Sir Claude, on the Master Attendant's Pier during an S.V.A. Ball, with the necessity of the establishment of an alliance between Japan and Britain, if the encroachments of Russia or China were to be withstood. The Minister then delivered himself of the historical reply that *He did not see any advantage in an alliance between Britain and Japan*." Since then Sir Claude, as Minister to Japan, has had to be the mouthpiece of the very alliance that he deemed to be then altogether impracticable. The Editor is compelled to wonder how Sir Claude has managed to change his own convictions of 1900. And the Editor is further tempted to wonder on which side the statesmanship lay in that particular conversation.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

YACHTING IN THE SOLENT.

LONDON, August 7th.
The King's Cup in the Cowes races was won by the *Meteor*.

TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, August 7th.
The French cruisers bombarded Casa Blanca. Hundreds of Moors were killed.
Troops have been landed.

GOVERNORSHIP OF MALTA.

LONDON, August 7th.
Lieut. General Henry Fane Grant has been appointed Governor of Malta. He served in the Egyptian War.

A GIGANTIC ART DEAL.

LONDON, August 7th.
Duveen bought Rodolphe Kann's pictures for £1,000,000.

A MUNIFICENT BEQUEST.

LONDON, August 7th.
Dr. Andrew Carnegie has given £100,000 to the King's Hospital Fund.

THE MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

LONDON, August 7th.
The Duke of Connaught assumes the command of the British Forces in the Eastern Mediterranean.

JAPAN IN KOREA.

TOKYO, August 7th.
There are persistent reports here that Viscount Ito is about to leave Seoul, but well informed circles consider this uncertain. It seems that the Resident-General is in disagreement with the Tokyo Government on certain questions of policy. The situation in Korea has quieted.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE PEKING TO PARIS MOTOR RACE.

LONDON, August 5th.
Prince Borghese has arrived at Koenigsberg.
Prince Borghese has arrived at Berlin.

THE NAVAL REVIEW IN THE SOLENT.

LONDON, August 5th.
The naval review in the Solent was a most superb pageant. The warships were moored in seven parallel lines, at the head of one of which the *Dreadnought* was stationed. The King and Queen steamed between the lines. The King decorated the Admirals with the Victorian order, including Admiral Bosanquet with the Grand Cross, Admirals Bridgeman and Jellicoe Commanders, and others, Companions of the order.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

LONDON, August 5th.
The Standard Oil Co., which was convicted last April of receiving rebates, has been fined \$29,240,000; the legal maximum.

LATER.
The judgement against the Standard Oil Co. has made a great sensation in America, owing to the stupendous fine and the severe remarks of the Judge, likening the officials to counterfeiters and thieves, and holding out prospects of indictments for conspiracy against Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Gofing, when he heard the judgement, was not concerned. An appeal will entail plentiful delays.

THE TSAR AND KAISER.

LONDON, August 5th.
The Tsar and the Kaiser attended a banquet on board of the German flag-ship *Deutschland*, when the Tsar presented Prince Buelow with his portrait, set in brilliant. Elaborate precautions are being taken for the safety of the Tsar, who does not land.

WEL-HAI-WEI.

LONDON, August 5th.
The *Times* correspondent in Peking strongly pleads for the retention of Wel-hai-wei.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 7th August.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

NEW RAILWAY WORKS.
Wong Tsun Fook, trading as Wah Fung, of 25 Upper Lascar Row, contractor, claimed from Chung Kien Tong of Chiwan Village, New Territory, \$834.58, money paid to the defendant on behalf of plaintiff but never handed over. Mr. Otto Kong Sing acted for the plaintiff and Mr. Jackson of Messrs. Johnston Stokes and Master, for the defendant.

The case had been partly heard. On the previous occasion Mr. Otto Kong Sing stated that the money had been paid to the defendant by the "Railway Company" at Tai Po for the value of bricks sold and delivered to the company, which sum defendant had not handed over to the plaintiff.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing now stated that he had wished to call the engineer, Mr. Valpy, but as that gentleman was at Samcheun, and required \$100 before attending in the circumstances, he could only subpoena the resident engineer, who sent his clerk.

His Honour—Was he present?
Mr. Otto Kong Sing—He was not present when the money was paid but the books would show what money had been received. After hearing evidence his Honour gave judgment for plaintiff.

AN OLD, OLD STORY.

THE CONFIDENCE MAN AND THE GULLIBLE AMAN.

Notwithstanding the many exposures of the banknote trick in Hongkong, and notwithstanding the many simple amins who have fallen victims to the wiles of the "confidence" man, still there are others to follow in the steps of those who have proved by experience that he is not a benefactor to mankind. Like other rogues, he is anxious to make money quickly, and the ways and means by which his ends are accomplished do not bother him in the least. So that when he approaches an amah, with as little a use as she has money, shows her a roll of banknotes which he says he found, and tells her that half the amount he has shall be hers if she will consent to change them, she immediately falls into the trap. Such an event happened on Tuesday when two natives accosted an amah in Garden Road. One of them showed her what appeared to be several hundred bank notes, which he said he had picked up, and offered her half the amount if she would go to a money changer's in Queen's Road and get change. This appeared to her the chance of a lifetime, and she lost no time in offering to undertake the mission. "Very well," said the "confidence" man, "Since you are willing, come to a quiet place where I can hand over the money." The trio found such a spot in the public gardens, a parcel which was said to contain the notes was handed to the amah, and she left on her mission. "Stay," said the "confidence" man before she had gone many yards, "We don't know you, so it would be as well if you left something behind as security." The amah left bangles, earrings, and other jewellery to the value of \$70, and as she was starting on her errand she was advised not to open her parcel until she got to the money changer's shop. On arrival there she opened the "valuable" parcel and feasted her eyes on—not greenbacks—but blank paper. Great was her consternation, and greater her hurry to the Central Police Station, where she reported the occurrence to Inspector Warneck. Detectives were immediately put on the track, and one of the men was found on Tuesday evening on a Canton Liner Steamer. He was charged before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday, admitted the theft, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Co. was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Company. Mr. E. G. Barrett presided, and there were also present Messrs. G. C. Moxon, Duncan Clark, J. D. Auld, E. A. Hickey, V. de Marney and R. Conghrath.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—This meeting has been convened in order to consider the accounts of the liquidation, and, if same are approved, to pass a resolution to that effect, which will conclude the winding up. The assets and liabilities have been taken over by the Union Waterboat Company for the sum of \$127,500 and payment for same to be made by allotting shares to the value of \$127,230 and cash \$270.60 for the fractional parts of shares. Of the total capital of the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Company, comprising 15,000 shares, certificates for 14,043 have been presented and exchanged for shares in the Union Waterboat Company, and \$235.5 has been paid in cash, leaving only 957 shares still to be dealt with. I have prepared a statement showing the result of the winding-up, which I will pass round for your inspection, but to save time, I will just run through the items. At the commencement of the liquidation on the 1st of April, there was a balance of cash in hand and at the Bank of \$3,224.55.

Mr. Moxon: I beg to propose that the report and account of the liquidator which has been laid before this meeting, showing the manner in which the winding-up of the Company has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, be adopted, and approved.

Mr. DUNCAN CLARK seconded the motion was carried.

This concluded the business.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFINS.

A MEETING of Members interested in Subscription GRIFINS for the next RACE MEETING will be held at the Office of the Jockey Club (Hongkong Annex) on SATURDAY, 10th instant, at Noon.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1907. 1315

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MARMORA"

Captain G. H. C. Weston, R.N.R., will leave for Shanghai, TO-DAY, the 8th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1907. 1

ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING"

Captain A. E. Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 9th inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LARBAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1907. 1312

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN"

Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light, and carries a duly certified Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1907. 1313

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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A Stevedore and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1907. 1314

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MARMORA"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignments will be stored on Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

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From Persia (Gulf ex B.I.S.N. & B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers).

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 14th August, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1907. 1

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

IT is proposed to form an Infantry Company with a Detachment Cyclists. All who are desirous of joining are requested to apply personally at the VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS, morning or afternoon.

A. J. THOMPSON, Captain, Staff Officer H.K.V.C.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1907. 1235

NOTICE.

BILLS for all Monies due by me should be presented to me on or before the 15th September, 1907. All outstanding accounts due to me, if not settled on or before the 15th September, 1907, will be passed into the hands of my Solicitors.

J. W. OSBORNE,

Hongkong, 15th July, 1907. 1131

INTIMATIONS

OREGON PINE LUMBER.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED

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Hongkong, 29th July, 1907. 1258

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 304 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

ENTRANCE TO THE WHANGPO RIVER.

ESTABLISHMENT OF WOODSUNG SPIT GAS-LIGHTED BOAT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the WOODSUNG SPIT unlighted buoy will be discontinued on or about the 15th August, and that a GAS-LIGHTED BUOY, surrounded by a conical superstructure, painted in Red and Black vertical stripes and showing an Occulting Red light every 8 seconds, thus:

4 Seconds Light;
4 Seconds Eclipse;
will be moored 1 cable S. 27° E. from the present position of the unlighted buoy.

The Gas-buoy will mark the spit as well as the end of the jetty under course of construction by the Whangpo Conservancy. The Light-boat now marking the jetty (see Harbour Notification No. 12 of 1906) will be discontinued.

T. J. ELDRIDGE, Acting Coast Inspector.

Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 27th July, 1907. 1301

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-SECOND ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Majestic, on TUESDAY, the 13th August at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of Directors, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st July to 13th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1907. 1235

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. N.S. 4250, dated Hongkong 9th July, 1907 for Two Shares of this Bank numbered 1482 to 1483 inclusive registered in the name of CHENG PO CHO has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 13th day of August, 1907, a new Certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. N.S. 4250 will be therefor treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1907. 1210

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of August, 1907, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1907.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1907. 1236

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 6th to the 17th day of August, 1907 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1907. 1237

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of 50 Cents per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1907, will be payable on the 17th August, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 17th August, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1907. 1292

HONGKONG AND WHANGPO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, 19th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1907.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 12th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1907. 1275

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, is payable on overdue calls.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1907. 1290

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), and SATURDAY, the 9th and 10th August, 1907, commencing, Each Day at 2 1/2 p.m., at the "HOTEL BALTIMORE," Wyndham Street,—

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On view from THURSDAY the 8th August, 1907.

GEORGE P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1907. 1300

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

By Order of the Executors of the late EDMUND SHARP, Esq., deceased.

NOTICE TO CAPITALISTS AND INVESTORS.

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Further and fuller Particulars will be advertised shortly and may be obtained from the Auctioneer or from Messrs. JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER, Vendor's Solicitors.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. 1281

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1907. 970

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Apply to—

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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1906. 97

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 for 6 months 3 1/2 per cent.
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 " " " 6 months 4 1/2 per cent.
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 TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
 Manager.
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 HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
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 Hongkong, 7th January, 1907.

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 ESTABLISHED 1863.
 Authorized Capital FL. 15,000,000 (£1,250,000)
 Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (Paid up)
 Reserve Fund FL. 2,112,570.36 (£175,948)
 HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
 SUB-OFFICE: THE HAGUE.
 HEAD AGENCY: BATAVIA.
 BRANCHES at: Singapore, Sourabaya, Semarang, Indramajoe, Baroeang and Willemsdijk.
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 Swatow
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 Chief Manager.
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 For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
 J. E. M. SMITH,
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 12th January, 1907.

FUNNELS AND FLAGS.

(Continued from page 3)

policy, all risks, has been taken at £800,000 each, and the amounts of the total loss and excess policies were originally £400,000 each, but have now, I understand, been increased to half a million each.

COMMONWEALTH MATTER.
 The delay in the execution of the Commonwealth mail contract has had its inevitable ending. It is twelve months and more since the tender of the Jaling syndicate was accepted, and not a single ship has been delivered. Consequently Mr. Darling's Government has formally cancelled the contract, the syndicate having declined to give a further bond for £25,000 unconditionally. The Commonwealth Government has entered into an arrangement with the Orient and Royal Mail Companies to carry on the mail service for a year after the expiry of their present contract on Jan. 31 next, and fresh tenders are to be immediately called for. It has been publicly stated that Messrs. Harland and Wolff had made a provisional arrangement with the Commonwealth Government, in the event of the failure of the syndicate to carry out their contract. The Belfast shipbuilders denied truth of the statement, which the decision to call for fresh tenders does not seem to have shaken. Messrs. Harland and Wolff are building a boat for the Royal Mail Company, which will be employed in the interim mail service. She will be named the Asturias.

THE H. A. L. MAMMOET.
 Of the latest has been taken at £800,000 each, and the amounts of the total loss and excess policies were originally £400,000 each, but have now, I understand, been increased to half a million each. The vessel will be of nearly 50,000 tons, and will be regarded as a record. The dimensions of the boat, as foreshadowed, do not tally with anything like such huge dimensions. Besides, if the object is to go one better than the 32,500-ton Cunarders, it is not necessary to build a ship of what, even according to modern ideas, would be of extravagant size. It is more likely to be found that the new Hamburg-American liner will be much nearer 40,000 tons than 50,000. She will have a competitor, of course, in the big steamer which Messrs. Harland and Wolff are laying down for the White Star Line, so that the Germans are perhaps precipitate in congratulating themselves on the prospective possession of the biggest ship in the world. In this respect the Cunard Company will have at least two years' supremacy. The real interest centres in the question of speed. It has been stated that the owners of the big Hamburg-American boat will be satisfied if she can do 18 1/2 knots. True it is that the Hamburg-American Company, save for the Deutschland, has been content to let the Norddeutscher Lloyd run very fast boats, and has contented itself with vessels of more moderate pace. But it would be unwise to assume that Herr Bullin is going to be satisfied with anything like 18 1/2 knots. In this connection the working arrangement between Messrs. Harland and Wolff and Messrs. John Brown and Co. becomes important. Belfast has hitherto been faithful to the reciprocating engine. Clydebank has built the turbine-driven Lusitania as a sample of what it can do. Whether the new Hamburg-American liner is built at Belfast or at Clydebank, it may be that she will be a turbine boat, and if she is it will be because her owners want a high speed out of her.

SHIPPING RING COMMISSION.
 Following are the latest mail accounts of the sitting of the Commission, dated up to July 3rd.
 The first witness called was Mr. E. Grant, Director-General of Stores at the India Office. He stated that the India Office shipments amounted to about 250,000 tons per annum. These shipments were made by Conference lines when the rates tendered by them were lower than those of their competitors or in case of earlier sailings. Tenders were invited in the open market unless circumstances dictated otherwise, and then negotiations were entered into without inviting competition. The India Office never concerned itself with the rebate system. The rates obtained were, on the whole, lower than those accepted by merchants. Frequent sailings were both desirable and essential, but the stability of rates was by no means desirable from an economic point of view; in fact it was doubtful whether it could be assured. It would be perfectly practical for the India Office, rare under exceptional circumstances, to make arrangements for the shipment of all its cargoes by chartering in the open market. The India Office had adopted no definite course, but had accepted tenders of competition when they had been lowest or otherwise eligible. Tenders were frequently, but by no means always, members of the Ring. When the Ring was tendering each individual member almost invariably tendered at the same rate. He never shipped from this country by foreign vessels; he could not do so without the express permission of the Secretary of State. Preference was only given to boats in the Ring when they sailed earlier; there was no question as to whether boats were in the Ring or not. He had always found the Ring thoroughly reasonable in their dealings with him. There were, of course, occasional unpleasantnesses, but altogether he had no complaint. He did not see what rebates had to do with frequent sailings, and he did not think they assisted at all, but that was rather a question for a shipowner to answer. If there was any attempt to keep rates up the India Office would fight by chartering or by "detaching" members of the Ring. (Laughter.) He had not been approached by a shipowner or anyone else to get rebates lowered or altered.

Mr. Douglas Owen, who at the request of the Colonial Office went to Johannesburg in 1904 to assist, as an impartial expert, at a conference called by Lord Milner to consider the then relations between the traders and the shipowners, said that in the summer of 1904 he was requested by the Colonial Office to proceed to Johannesburg to assist as an impartial expert at the conference called by Lord Milner, at the instance of the trading communities of South Africa, to consider the relations which then existed between the traders and shipowners. A South African shipping ring was in operation, and certain of the merchants had long been complaining bitterly of its methods and oppressions. The complaints were that the rates of freight were inequitable and oppressive; that the shipowners secretly granted unfair concessions to certain large companies to the prejudice of other traders; that the shipowners carried goods from America to South Africa at lower rates than from England to South Africa; that the German lines belonging to the ring carried goods from Germany at lower rates than British lines; in the ring would carry similar goods from England to South Africa; and that the shipowners had used their privileged position as an instrument of oppression against shippers who had shipped goods by competing lines. The most serious of the complaints was the one as to the unfair preference to American shippers, and the complaint was well founded. If the rates charged on the goods from England were on their merits reasonable, it was not evident in what way the consumers were injured

by a system which enabled them to buy American manufactures cheaper than English. The system was highly prejudicial to British manufacturers, but that did not hurt the South African consumers, as such. The shipowners were only able to plead that it was forced upon them by a freight war; that they themselves were heavy losers by it; and that it was only a temporary occurrence. In the opinion of the witness, the explanation was correct and bona fide. With reference to the complaint that German goods were brought in German steamers belonging to the ring at much lower rates than English goods were brought in British steamers, he said that British shipowners, whilst in sympathy with complaint, were powerless to remedy it. The history of the complaint, he believed, was that the German line, agreeing to join the ring, retained for themselves the option to calculate the tariff or schedule rates of freight on either the ton measurement or the ton weight. The advantages of the ring system were settled or stable rates of freight; regular sailings to and from South Africa; alternative ports of shipment and of discharge; steamers of high-class speed; and disclaimer of shipowners' rights to trade. With regard to the American competition, they were told that the lower freight charged to the American manufacturer was driving British trade out of the colony, but a British manufacturer worth his salt would not be driven away from his market by any such means. He would sacrifice five per cent. of his profit in order to hold his ground. Perhaps the larger part of that favoured American trade was in goods which were not shipped from England at all. His own opinion was that the loss really suffered by the manufacturers was by a means as heavy as individual instances might lead them to suppose. As the charge against the shipowners that in their own selfish interests they lightly and unjustifiably sacrificed the interests of British manufacturers was a very grave and injurious charge, the shipowners had now an opportunity to relieve themselves of it. Let them declare that in the event of a freight war rendering it necessary for them, in their own interests, to carry American goods at lower rates than British goods, they would share with the British manufacturers injured any extra discount specially granted by the manufacturer in order to neutralize the saving in freight accorded to the Americans. This would be evidence of a desire on the part of the ring not to disregard utterly the rights and well-being of British manufacturers, and would also be security that the ring would do their utmost to avoid a freight war which would visit them with a share of the loss forced upon the manufacturers. Traders and shipowners might well be left to settle their differences in South Africa as similar differences had been settled elsewhere. Under present conditions, the traders wanted personally the advantages which the ring gave them, and wanted the Government to protect them against the disadvantages inevitable to the system. If they were all to agree, the system could be rendered impossible.

In reply to questions by the Chairman, the witness said that if the agreement between the shipowner and the shipper was never ending, and there was no other way in which the shipper could terminate the agreement unless he made the sacrifice of some considerable rebates, then the Government ought to protect him.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
 On the 7th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen slightly over N. China, W. Japan and the Loochoos, and fallen moderately over N. Luzon. A depression apparently of slight intensity, having crossed Luzon, is now a taster of the N.W. coast of that island.
 Pressure remains high over the Pacific to the E. of Japan.
 Moderate E. winds are expected to prevail in the Formosa Channel and freshening E. and N.E. winds along the Northern shores of the China Sea.
 Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.
 The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—
 (Hongkong & Neighbourhood) E. winds, moderate.
 Formosa Channel E. winds, moderate.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoos Same as No. 1.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan Same as No. 1.
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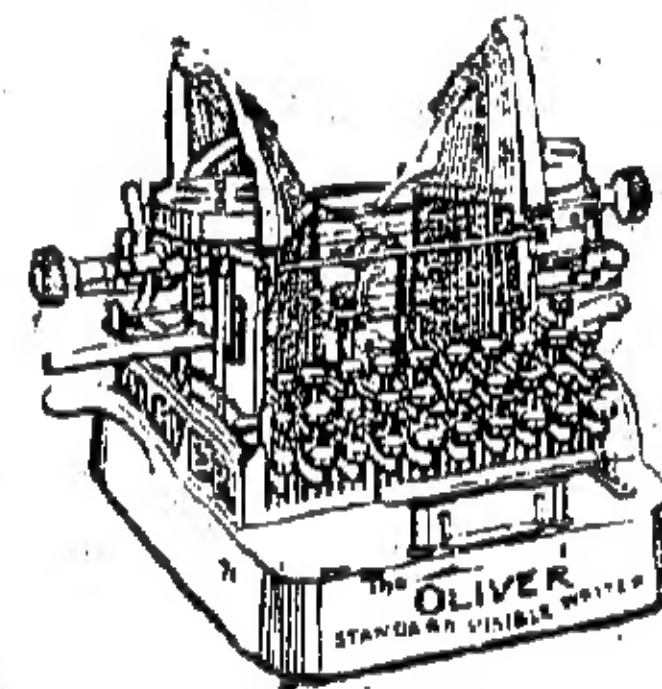
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COMPANY.			Paid up.	Quotations.
Albion		Pa. 200	\$120.	
Hongkong & Shanghai		\$125	\$175, x.d. sel. \$615, sale s. (215 p.d. n.) Ln. 481. Ln. 456, n. (215, paid up)	
National B. of China		10	\$51.	
Sell's Asbestos E. A.	125, 6d.		\$63, x.d.	
China-Horneo Co.			\$12	194.
China Light & P. Co.			\$10	194.
China Provident			\$10	\$800, sellers
Cotton Mills—				
Ewo.		115, 50	115, 64.	
Hongkong		\$10	\$11, buyers	
International		115, 75	115, 53.	
Laou Kung Mow		115, 100	115, 95.	
Soychue		115, 500	115, 320.	
Dairy Farm		\$8	\$16, buyers	
Docks and Wharves—				
H. & K. Wharf & G. H.		\$50	\$72, sellers	
H. & W. Dock		\$50	\$10, buyers	
New Amoy Dock		\$63	\$11, sellers	
Shanghai Dock		115, 100	\$115, x.d. b.	
S'hu & H. Wharf		115, 100	115, 227.	
Fenwick & Co., Geo.		\$25	117, buyers	
Green Island Cement		\$10	111, sales	
Hongkong & C. Gas		\$10	\$175, buyers	
Hongkong Electric		\$10	\$143, sellers	
Hongkong Hotel Co.		\$50	\$100, sellers	
Hongkong Ice Co.		\$25	\$241, x.d. sellers	
Hongkong Rope Co.		\$10	\$121, buyers	
Insurance—				
Canton		\$50	\$120.	
China Fire		\$25	\$15, sellers	
China Traders		\$25	\$15, buyers	
Hongkong Fire		\$50	\$15, sellers	
North China		\$5	115, buyers	
Union		\$100	\$775.	
Yangtze		\$50	\$180, sellers	
Land and Building—				
Hongkong Land Inv.		\$100	\$99, sellers	
Ramsey's Estate		\$10	\$101, buyers	
Kowloon Land & H.		\$30	\$37, sellers	
Shanghai Land & H.		115, 50	115, 101.	
Westpoint Building		\$50	\$18.	
Mining—				
Charbonnages		Pa. 250	\$480, buyers	
Roubs		18/10.	\$5.	
Funk Tramways		\$10	\$101, x. new	
Philippine Co.			\$11, buyers	
Refineries—				
China Sugar		\$100	\$103.	
Luzon Sugar		\$100	\$21, sellers	
Steamship Companies				
China and Manila		\$25	\$15.	
Douglas Steamship.		\$50	\$11.	
H. Canton & M.		\$15	\$23, sellers	
Indo-China S.N. Co.		\$25	\$1384 Pa. fd. \$2824 Debt.	
Shell Transport Co.		\$1	15.	
Star Ferry		\$10	\$15, sellers	
Do, New China		\$15	\$14, sellers	
South China M. Post.		\$25	\$22.	
Stores Laundry Co.		\$5	\$7, sellers	
Stores & Dispensaries				
Campbell, M. & Co.		\$10	\$20, sellers	
Powell & Co. Win.		\$10	\$8, sellers	
Watkins		\$10	\$24.	
Watson & Co., A. S.		\$10	\$11, buyers	
United Asbestos		\$4	\$103, buyers	
Do, Founders		\$10	\$150.	
Union Waterboat Co.		\$10	\$121.	

VERNON & SMYTH.

OPIMUM.

August 7th.

Quotations are—	
Malwa New	\$840 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$880 "
Malwa O. der	\$900 "
Malwa V. Old	\$814 "
Persian fine quality	\$850
Persian extra fine	\$700
Malwa New	\$807½ per chest.
Benares New	\$815
Benares Old	—

HONGKONG TILE TABLE.

The *British* left Shanghai left 10 mins on the morning of the 9th inst. and is due here to-day at 2 p.m.
 The *B.A.L.* str. *Scandia* left Shanghai via Foochow on 3rd inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day p.m.
 The *N.Y.K.* str. *Wakamiya Maru* (Bombay line), left Moji for this port on the 2nd inst., and is expected here to-day.
 The str. *Japan* from Calcutta left Singapore 4th inst. afternoon, and may be expected here to-morrow.
 The Danish str. *Tranquebar* left Port Said, and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.
 The str. *Induvidli* left New York on 3rd inst. and is due here on or about 20th inst.

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